

California District Council

16th Episcopal District
Pentecostal Assemblies
of the World, Inc.



CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS

Thursday
March 14, 2013

As Soul Snatchers, we stay connected with our past while looking towards our future, we encourage one another to strengthen the body, and we maintain the mission of drawing souls to Christ through love.



Steadfast in the Gospel
(Elder Nate Jordan ministering)



**Region 1 First Ladies,
Forever Faithful to God's Work**



Breaking Bread...Together!
(District Elder James Due, Jr. and Drs. Fivecoat)



Fellowship is Key
(Pastor Wilbur and First Lady Margret Hauser of San Diego, CA)



Lest We Forget
(Visiting Dr. Martin Luther King's church to reflect on the past and give praises for the future)



How Good and Pleasant it is...
(Suffragan Bishop McGriff, Pastor Simmons, Pastor Hauser, Suffragan Bishop Hall, and Chairman Douglas)

Soul Snatchers...
*Redeeming the world
one soul at a time!*

California District Council 2013 Spring Conference Chairman's Address

186th Tri-Annual Session
Crown Plaza San Diego Hotel
San Diego, CA

Releasing my personal honor and glory unto the Lord Jesus Christ for counting me worthy to serve him as a "Steward Leader" in His glorious kingdom. To our Honorable Diocesan and Presiding Prelate, Bishop Charles H. Ellis III, Resident Bishops, Suffragan Bishops, District Elders, Pastors, Leadership Spouses, Council Officials, Delegates, Saints, Visitors, and Friends, I salute you in the Name of Jesus believing that you all are in covenant with each other in pursuit of the "Divine Favor" Christ.

As we consistently strive to achieve our God-ordained goals and aspirations as a religious entity, let us continue to remain focused on our long-term goals for the scripture declares in Galatians 6:9, "And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."

Permit me to humbly render thanks unto the Lord for the sacrificial obedience and steadfast commitment of our current administration in regard to attending to the daily operations (in volitional capacity) of the "Great 16th Episcopal District" of the Pentecostal Assemblies of the World, Inc. You all are second to none and I say this because, as I travel and interact between various Councils, no one does better than California, and should our Master delay His sudden return prior to July 14, 2014, I am convinced that we will perform, improve, and advance our stewardship service responsibilities to an even greater level of achievement. Once again thank you in the sincerest of appreciation.

At this point permit me to expound briefly on our theme for this conference and its relationship to our primary goals and objectives.

First, I need for you to reflect on our theme from our 2012 Fall Conference in November, which was "In Warfare Shall We Recover All That Belongs To Us" - I Samuel 30:8. Now that we have discovered who, what, and where we need to recover, let's proceed to be about our Father's Business without hesitation. And for this reason our theme for this Conference is "The Return of The Soul Snatchers" - Jude 1:23, and here's why I, along with many others, believe that this theme is appropriate for this Conference.

Contained in the By-Laws of our CDC on page number eight, paragraph four are these recorded facts "In August, 1937, a group of ministers, headed by Bishop Samuel Grimes of New York City, Presiding Bishop of the Pentecostal Assemblies of the World (PAW), met with a local group of Californians to form a continuation of the same council functions, under the banner of "California State Council" after the pattern of the first council which met in Jerusalem, James being the Chairman according to Acts 15." Coupled with this reality is

also the fact that J. Laverne Tyson penned on page 68 of his book, "People Who Shaped The Pentecostal Assemblies of the World - Volume I", that Bishop Caldwell was saved in 1918, entered the ministry that same year and began Pastoring a Church in San Diego in 1924 and became the Chairman in 1937 when there were only 8 churches. He was elevated to the Bishopric in 1952 and presided over the Nevada/California Council.

Therefore, we are grateful to our Lord Jesus Christ for the hard work and determination that he and his wife, First Lady Vanilla Caldwell, invested into this Council as precursors to many outstanding California leaders who would distinguish themselves in the PAW. However, with all due respect, as "Soul Snatchers", we are gathered here for a Continuation and not a Commemoration.

So let us continue to collaborate, galvanize, consecrate, and mobilize our gifts talents and resources to fulfill our mission.

Remember that we have much to perform and limited resources with which to work. However, that issue is improving even while we are present here tonight. All we need to do is to roll up our sleeves and return to our position of "Winning Back the Lost at the Cost of His Cross."

So let's be active in supporting the projects that are already in force, such as registering to attend and participating in our upcoming CDC Marriage Retreat, District Fellowships, and future Pre-Council Evangelistic Services, as well as other pertinent functions that promote and foster the true meaning of the letters CDC which represent "Commitment, Determination, and Camaraderie"!

And less we forget, we are yet appealing to you all for support of our new up and running "CDC Revenue Generating Project" that I labeled as the CDC 24/7/365 Contingency Reserve Fund! The page is available on the council website and it offers multiple convenient options for participating in this program. If you have yet to sign up in support of this project, feel free to do so at this conference. Just visit CaliforniaDistrictCouncil.org to get started!

In conclusion, let me encourage each of you to stay focused on achieving your long-term goals in Christ and keep your eyes on the prize of the high calling of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

So Honorable Presider, we the members of the greatest Episcopal District of the Pentecostal Assemblies of the World, Inc. would like to go on record by saying we will continue to hold up your hands as Aaron and Hur did with the hands of their visionary, Moses, while the battle was raging. And in doing so we purpose within ourselves not to give in to battle fatigue. For we will not be defeated nor discouraged, because we are sold out, committed to hold on and hold out, until the arrival of Him who promised that He will come and shall come, to call us out!

For this cause, we refuse to back up, slack up, act up, and with the mind of Christ we most certainly won't crack up! Instead, we are continually advancing forward into the enemy's camp with the courage and fortitude of our late great Bishop John Caldwell aka "The Centurion". For it was reported that he was a lover of souls and would go the extra mile to recruit and retain lost and troubled souls into God's Kingdom. It was also reported that his moniker was 'to not allow defeat to overwhelm him.' And so it is with us today who are operating as "Soul Snatchers" for Jesus; we are obligated to seek and provide deliverance for those who are lost.

Finally, I leave you with these words as they are recorded in Jude 1:24-25, "Now unto Him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy. To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. A'men."

In Pursuit of His Favor

Dr. Robert T. Douglas, Sr.
California District Council Chairman



Theme
**Return of the
Soul Snatchers**

*"And others save with
fear, pulling them out
of the fire; hating even
the garment spotted
by the flesh."
Jude 1:23*

